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(c) whether the Government have given effect to this recommendation and if so what the exact orders of Government are;

(d) if the recommendation has not been accepted, whether the Government have ever considered the inequity involved in this assessment and whether they propose to issue necessary orders; and

(e) what is the loss of revenue to Government involved by granting this concession?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (a) In Malabar, dry lands included in holdings which are not cultivated or are used solely for raising seedlings are not charged assessment. In South Kanara, all dry lands included in holdings, whether cultivated or not, are charged assessment.

" (b) The Marjoribanks Committee recommended that dry lands included in holdings in South Kanara, though assessed. should not be charged unless and until cultivated.

" (c) No.

" (d) The whole question of land revenue reform is now under active consideration.

" (e) The Marjoribanks Committee estimated the loss of land revenue involved in the acceptance of their recommendation mentioned in the answer to clause (b) at Rs. 1·5 lakhs. The figure has not been verified."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why even though this was brought to the notice of Government by the Marjoribanks Committee and they had made a definite recommendation in their report, the Government have not realised the great injustice that is done to the South Kanara district, while in the neighbouring district of Malabar, dry lands are not charged any assessment? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Such injustices in the matter of assessment of dry lands have been in existence for a long time and they were due to the mode of settlements that were made before. The Government are now considering the whole question and they are going to introduce legislation to rectify the those wrongs, and the benefit of the legislation will be extended to South Kanara also."

Treatment for cancer.

* 13 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the members of the Executive Committee of the Madras Cancer Association;

(b) whether this committee is pressing for the organization of cancer treatment, its early detection, the follow-up of these patients, etc., on a more scientific basis as is obtaining in some of the advanced countries;

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(c) what arrangements already exist in the Government institutions to achieve the above objects and if the existing organization is not up to the desired standard, what the intention of the Government in this respect is; and

(d) whether the Government propose to issue instructions that the various parts of work connected with the cancer treatment be carried out by specialists if such staff exist and if not, whether the Government propose to train such specialists in the immediate future?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) No election of members of the Executive Committee has been held, but the members of the Provincial Central Committee have been till now discharging the duties of the Executive Committee. The following are the names of the members of the existing Provincial Central Committee :—

(1) The Hon. the Minister for Public Health—*President*.

(2) The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras—*Vice-President*.

(3) The Director of Public Health.

(4) The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

(5) The Director of Public Instruction.

(6) Mrs. M. N. Clubwala, M.B.E.

(7) Lieut.-Col. V. B. Stork.

(8) Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

(9) Dr. B. M. Sundaravadanam.

(10) Rao Bahadur Captain M. G. Kini.

(11) The Maharani Saheba Vidyavathi Devi of Vizianagram.

(12) Dr. P. Rama Rao.

(13) Dr. K. Manjunatha Rai, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.M.A. (Lond.) —*Honorary Secretary*.

" (b) The expert committee of the Cancer Association of Madras has suggested certain interim arrangements for the treatment of cancer cases and those are under consideration.

" (c) (1) There is a first-class institute of Radiology at the Government General Hospital, Madras, with practically all modern apparatuses and Radium and Radon for treatment of cancer. It has been proposed that some beds in the hospital may be set apart for the treatment of cancer cases.

(2) There is a deep X-ray plant at the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, and a few beds have been set apart for the treatment of cancer cases in the hospital.

(3) There is a small quantity of radium available at the King George Hospital, Vizagapatam, but no X-ray treatment is available for the treatment of cancer cases.

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(4) At the Erskine Hospital, Madura, only deep X-ray is available but no radium.

The Surgeon-General reports that a proposal is under consideration for the establishment of a modern Cancer Hospital in the Madras City which would serve as a research and training institute for the treatment of cancer. Under present conditions, it would be impossible to make use of the latest and most up-to-date ideas and principles in the interim arrangements proposed for the treatment of cancer cases. This will be possible only when regular clinics and one or more cancer hospitals are established in this Province.

" (*d*) The matter is under consideration."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is in order to refer to any of these gentlemen with their titles? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" As long as those gentlemen have not given up their titles, I think it is not proper for me not to mention them."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make some arrangements for the early detection of cancer cases in the mufassal before they come up for treatment in the Madras City."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know, Sir, when the cancer hospital is going to come into existence? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not possible to give any approximate date, Sir, but it is being considered."

Concessions in special wards in the General Hospital.

* 14 *Q*.—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the advisability of removal of concessions in the special wards of General Hospital to officers drawing above Rs. 500; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to re-introduce the concession given to the village officers in the special wards at the General Hospital?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) No such concession was ever granted and hence there is no question of its restoration."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" May I know why concession should be shown to officers drawing high salaries? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The officers drawing high salaries are not the people who are shown the concession. Various cadres of officers are shown concession for admission to special wards in the General Hospital. In the